

Friday, 24 October 2014

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term 1

All the children have settled well into their new classes and made a fantastic start to their learning through a whole school theme 'All About Us'. This has involved lots of exciting experiences.

The Nursery children have been painting self-portraits, learning about healthy food and singing body songs. They particularly enjoyed learning more about keeping their bodies healthy in the Life Education Caravan. The highlight was definitely getting to meet Harold the giraffe for the first time.



Reception visited the science museum, Eureka, to explore how the body works and healthy eating.

Grandparents came to visit their grandchildren in Year 1 and shared some learning experiences together.

Year 2 have been designing and making different flavours of porridge to try to please a very fussy Goldilocks. They measured out the ingredients carefully using jugs and scales and talked about their likes and dislikes. The favourites were sugar porridge and chocolate porridge.

The Year 3 children were copying the painting style of Matisse by painting on their classroom ceiling!

Swimming lessons have begun in years 3 and 4.

Two Anglo-Saxon warriors visited Year 5 to talk to the children about their lifestyle.

The children in Year 6 visited Blackhill's campsite to learn more about each other in a new and adventurous location.

Please ask your child about their first half term in a new year group. We are interested in any ways in which you or they feel we can improve the quality of their learning.

School Meals

During the October break, we are having the kitchen converted to allow us to cook our own meals on the premises. This promises to be a great opportunity for us to improve the quality of the meal service that we are able to provide. The school council will be working with Claire Thompson, the Deputy Head, to monitor the children's reactions to the new school meals. I would also welcome any feedback from you.

Building Work

We have all been watching with excitement as the new entrance to school is taking shape. It has been really interesting to watch as the building has emerged. We are hoping that the work will be finished very soon and I would like to thank you, once again, for your patience and support whilst the work has been taking place.



Visiting School

You are always welcome to visit school or talk to someone about your child's education and there are also two events each half term in which you are more than welcome to join us in: 'Family Reading' and the 'Battle of the Blues.'

'Family Reading' takes place first thing in the morning on the last Monday of each half term. It is an opportunity for older brothers and sisters to read to, and share a book with, their younger family members. Any children without siblings in school are 'adopted' by some of our older pupils.

2.45 pm this Friday is the 'Battle of the Blues'. This is the multiplication and division competition that we were asked to demonstrate to all the other primary school Headteachers across Bradford. Please come along and watch our children compete for the 'Newby Red'. They are truly impressive!

October half term

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 24 October for one week. We are running a Multi-sports club for the children on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the half term holiday and there is also an opportunity for parents and their children to try archery with Abida Rafiq, our Parental Involvement Worker, on Thursday. For those of you taking part in these activities, I hope you have great fun.

Enjoy the half term break with your children and we will see you at 8.55am on Monday 3 November. Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Yours sincerely,

Janice Stephenson
Headteacher